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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

Section 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-301, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

() The department may issue a driver license to any person who has completed the requirements set forth in this chapter, or to anyone who reached eighteen (18) years of age and has operated a motor vehicle without traffic violations, drug violations, alcohol violations or seat belt violations for a period of six (6) months immediately preceding the date of application for the license.

Section 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-311, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) An intermediate license authorizes the holder to drive a specified type or class of motor vehicle under the conditions specified below:

(1) In addition to any other applicable requirement of this chapter, an applicant for an intermediate license shall have:

(A) Possessed a valid learner's permit for a period of not less than six (6) months without conviction or adjudication of a drug, alcohol seat belt or other driver-related safety law offense;

(B) Passed a road test administered by the department or its agent;

(C) Passed a course of driver education in accordance with standards established by the department; and

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(D) Paid a fee for an intermediate license set by Section 55-50-323.

(2) An intermediate license allows unsupervised driving from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.. At all other times the intermediate licensee shall be supervised. While being supervised, the intermediate licensee shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other person twenty-one (21) years or older. The supervisor shall possess a valid driver license. The supervisor shall be the only other occupant in the front passenger section of the vehicle.

(3) The intermediate licensee shall not place the vehicle in motion until every occupant of the vehicle has a seat belt properly fastened about his or her body.

(4) To be eligible to apply for a driver license, an intermediate licensee shall maintain a conviction or adjudication-free driving record and shall not have violated any state drug, alcohol, seat belt or other safety law of any state for at least the period of six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the application for the license.

(5) The intermediate license shall be valid for a period of at least one (1) year from the date of its issuance.

(6) In the event that an intermediate licensee drives a motor vehicle in violation of law, the intermediate license shall be suspended or revoked.

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(7) Any person knowingly violating any provision of this subsection has committed a Class C misdemeanor.

(8) For the purposes of this subsection and Section 1 of this act, unless the context requires otherwise:

(A) "drug law" means the provisions of title 39, chapter 17, part 4;

(B) "seat belt law" means the provisions of § 55-9-602 and 55-9-603; and

(C) "alcohol law" means the provisions of title 55, chapter 10, part 4, or other provisions concerning any criminal offense, status offense, violation, infraction or other prohibited conduct involving the possession, use, or sale of any alcohol beverage, wine or beer.

Section 3. (a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-312 (a)(1), is amended by inserting the language, "intermediate license," between the language "instruction permit" and "or driver license".

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-312(a)(3), is amended by deleting the language "driver license" wherever it appears and by substituting instead the language "intermediate license".

(c) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-312, is amended in subsections (e) and (f) by deleting the language "special restricted intermediate license".

Section 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323(c)(2), is amended by adding the following as a new item:

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() For an intermediate license, a fee of fourteen dollars (\$14.00).

Section 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-334, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() The intermediate license shall be identified as an "intermediate license" and issued in a distinctive form as determined by the department.

Section 6. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.

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